

News from

Councilmember Todd Gloria

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Friends,

Today, I was proud to stand with Mayor Jerry Sanders and Council President Tony Young to announce good news about the City's budget. A combination of reforms and higher than anticipated revenues has addressed our longstanding structural budget deficit. As the Chair of the City Council Budget and Finance Committee, I have worked hard with the Mayor, my colleagues, members of the public and our City employees to collaborate on fiscal reforms that are making a real difference to San Diego's financial strength.

Many of the actions taken by the Council were not popular and changed the way we conducted business: we competed out City services, renegotiated contracts, and adjusted fees to recover our costs.

While today's announcement that services are recommended to be restored to some departments, there are still many needs, like aggressively addressing our infrastructure backlog, and reviving redevelopment and economic development to name a few, that will require our attention. Our work is not over.

Our Independent Budget Analyst will be conducting a separate review of the Mid-Year report, and beginning on Wednesday, I'll lead the Council through the development of this year's budget priorities.

As long as I'm around, fiscal restraint and the need for additional efficiencies are forever in fashion at City Hall—all so that we can continue to deliver the good news that our constituents deserve.

In addition to that news, I also want to remind you of two fast approaching and important events.

City Hall Honors Black History Month

Please join me, Mayor Sanders, Council President Young and Councilmember Marti Emerald for a brief ceremony commemorating Black History Month in the lobby at the City Administration Building this Friday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m.

I am extremely proud that my office helped coordinate a display in the lobby of the City Administration Building to honor Black History Month. Since opening on February 7, the exhibit featuring tributes to the Tuskegee Airmen, the Buffalo Soldiers and the San Diego Black Nurses Association has been viewed by hundreds of San Diegans. The exhibit will remain through February 29.

City Hall Commemorates Black History Month Friday, February 24 10:00 a.m. City Administration Building, 202 C St.

Coffee with your Councilmember

Rebecca's in South Park is hosting a community coffee this Saturday. Please drop by and share your thoughts and questions with me at a great local business, and be sure to try one of the famous scones while you're there!

Coffee with your Councilmember Saturday, February 25 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Rebecca's Coffeehouse, 3015 Juniper St.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Todd

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